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The Honorable Nelson S. Román United States District Court Judge Southern District of New York 300 Quarropas Street White Plains, NY 10601 December 21, 2023

Re: United States v. Jose Zafra 22 CR 489 (NSR)

Deft's request to adjourn the in-person Sentencing from Jan. 5, 2024 until Mar. 12, 2024 at 9:45 am is GRANTED without objection by the Gov't. Clerk of Court is requested to terminate the motion at ECF No. 53. Dated: White Plains, NY

Jan. 4, 2024 SO ORDERED:

HON, NELSON S. ROMAN UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dear Honorable Román:

I am writing to ask that Mr. Zafra's sentencing, which is currently scheduled for January 5, 2023, be adjourned to a date in March. This is the first time that I am asking that Mr. Zafra's sentencing be postponed. The purpose of this request is to allow me additional time to gather records relating to Mr. Zafra's childhood, information which relates directly to Mr. Zafra's history and characteristics. See 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(1). Additionally, I am making this request because the final PSR was posted this week (December 18, 2023) and I have not yet been able to visit the jail to show the final report to Mr. Zafra and I do not have the ability to do so before my sentencing submission would otherwise be due. Under these circumstances, I ask that the Court please adjourn Mr. Zafra's sentencing.

I have spoken to AUSA Marcia Cohen, and she does not object to this request. 1

Thank you for your consideration.

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Respectfully,

//s

Benjamin Gold Assistant Federal Defender

cc: AUSA Marica Cohen

¹ Additionally, based on my communications with AUSA Cohen, I believe that she would also prefer that the sentencing be adjourned.